

FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA — Cushwa Hatchery

What is being considered?

The department would like to designate Cushwa Hatchery as a Fishery Management Propagation Area.

Why is this change necessary?

All state hatcheries are designated as Fishery Management Propagation Areas. The property that contains Cushwa Hatchery was recently acquired by the department and will be managed by Fishing and Boating Services. The facility needs to attain the same designation as all other state-owned hatcheries.

Who will this affect?

This affects the general public. Public access to any Fishery Management Propagation Area is prohibited except with prior permission of the facility staff or as otherwise posted. The previous owners of the hatchery also limited access, so this action will not negatively affect anyone.

When will this be effective?

The department expects this change to be effective by December 2020, however the exact date cannot be determined. The department will follow our normal scoping and proposal procedures.

Has this change been discussed with advisory commissions?

This idea was scoped with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission at their meetings in July 2020. Commissioners did not have questions or comments and recommended proceeding with scoping.